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## Congressman Joe Wilson's statement

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From the Office of Congressman Joe Wilson:

Following the health care takeover vote this evening, Congressman Joe Wilson (SC-02) released this message directly to all of the concerned citizens who fought so hard over the last year to protect the doctor-patient relationship and prevent a federal government takeover of health care:

"I want to thank all of the hardworking Americans who fought tirelessly over the last year to shine light on the job-killing provisions in this government takeover of health care. The provisions in the bill and the process used to secure passage were both designed to enhance the power of politicians; citizens should be proud of efforts to limit such power. Today's outcome is sad for America, but don't think for one second you didn't make a difference.

"Last summer, liberals had every intention of ramming through an irresponsible bill without so much as giving the American people and the press time to properly comprehend it. Your efforts in spreading the word about the frightening provisions stockpiled throughout the bill forced Speaker Pelosi and the White House to take a long pause and reevaluate their game plan.

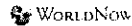
After making your voices heard loud and clear at town hall meetings and rallies across the country, you moved on to the ballot boxes in Virginia, New Jersey and Massachusetts. Washington liberals may have chosen to ignore your message today, but you can remind them again soon that you are a force which is awakened to support change in the future.

"Please know that while your efforts to protect the doctor-patient relationship and prevent a federal government takeover of health care were not appreciated by a majority of lawmakers, they are certainly appreciated by a majority of freedom-loving Americans across the country," said Congressman Joe Wilson.

The VFW urged a no vote on H.R. 4872. The government health care takeover does not fully protect the healthcare programs provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the military's Tricare system.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops urged no vote on the health care takeover unless flaws were fixed -- they were not. The letter from U.S. bishops to lawmakers can be found [here](#).

Congressman Wilson delivered several floor remarks on the government takeover of health care. Two of the floor speeches can be found [here](#) and [here](#).



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